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## The Tenth International Numismatic Congress

Numismatic scholars from around the world gathered in London in September for the 10th International Numismatic Congress, coinciding with the 150th anniversary of the Royal Numismatic Society.

From the opening by H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester on Monday 8 September until the closing ceremonies on Friday the 12th, 597 Congress members (the largest number ever) hurried to lectures, papers, workshops, receptions, and dinners, not to mention the essential element of any international gathering: encounters and conversations with friends and colleagues, old and new.

On the morning of the first day, participants gathered in Logan Hall of the Institute of Education, just off Russell Square, as they would each working day of the Congress. They were welcomed by His Royal Highness, and also by J.P.C. Kent, President of the R.N.S., H.E. Pagan, President of the British Numismatic Society (co-host of the Congress), and R.A.G. Carson, President of the International Numismatic Commission. Immediately afterwards, the first of four major lectures was delivered by Professor Peter Berghaus, "The Classical Tradition on Medieval Coins." The other lectures, which began each working day, were by Professor Michael Crawford, "The Coinage of the Roman Empire: The Provinces and the Barbarians," Professor C. Boehrer, "The Greek Coinage of Catana in Sicily," and Dr. Michael Bates, "The Arabic Silver Dirhams of the Crusaders in the Monetary Economy of Thirteenth Century Syria."

After each day's opening lecture, participants dispersed to one of the week's sixty-one section meetings, workshops, or demonstrations. Topics of the sections included Greek, Roman Republic, Greek imperial, Roman Empire, Islamic, Byzantine, Medieval, Modern, Chinese, Far Eastern, Indian, Celtic, and early Oriental coins, as well as medals and general topics such as collectors and collecting, imitations, and computers in numismatics. Among the sessions were one on Greek coins co-sponsored by the American Numismatic Society to commemorate the 100th birthday of Edward T. Newell, and two informal workshops, sponsored by the Oriental Numismatic Society, on current activities and research in Islamic and in South Asian numismatics. At demonstration sessions, computers and other

high-tech apparatus for numismatic research were shown in action.

### Crowded Social Calendar

The evenings were full as well. Monday evening there was a reception at the Zamana Galleries, the exhibition rooms of the Ismaili Centre near the Victoria and Albert Museum, amidst their exposition "Centuries of Gold" displaying Islamic coinage; a small mint struck what might be called "Islamicate" coins for attendees. After the sessions on Tuesday, Congress members strolled to the British Museum for wine and hors d'oeuvres in the Egyptian Galleries. In a tent in the courtyard of the Museum there was another mint (actually the same one in different dress) striking "medieval" coins (this branch of the Bigbury Mint operated throughout the Congress week for ordinary visitors to the Museum as well). The BM marked the occasion with a major special exhibition "Money: From Cowrie Shells to Credit Cards," in a gallery just off the Egyptian rooms where the reception was held. Guests were serenaded by a chamber quartet made up for the occasion by several distinguished numismatists.

### Visit to York

On Wednesday morning 278 Congress participants boarded a special British Rail express train for a 3 1/2 hour ride to York. There they went straight to the Jorvik Viking Centre, an underground museum preserving the site of the original Viking town Jorvik below a shopping center in the heart of the modern city. In a scene reminiscent of Disney World, Congress members boarded 4-passenger cars that carried them backwards (literally) through time to the 11th century where they passed through a reproduction of the Viking village—sights, smells, and sounds—and then were suddenly thrust back to the 20th century to see the site as it appeared during excavation, showing the archaeologists' tools and techniques, and finally mock-ups of the laboratories where the finds were conserved and studied. After the ride visitors went on to the exhibit gallery to see the finds exhibited in more traditional fashion. A highlight of the exhibits for Congress members was the two coin-dies of the Viking mint as well as English and Islamic coins. The Congress party was then guided to the Great Hall of the Merchant Adventurers'

Company of York where an English luncheon was served accompanied by a lecture on the history of the city.

After lunch, participants were left free to explore a few of York's 1,139 historic buildings before boarding their train for the return to London.

At the closing ceremonies, representatives of the many institutions present congratulated the R.N.S. on its anniversary and thanked the organizers of the Congress for their hard work and hospitality. In addition to the Presidents and officers of the two Societies and the INC, the Congress was managed by a national committee including Dr. Ian Carradice as Hon. Secretary, with N.G. Rhodes (Hon. Treasurer), P. Bagwell-Purefoy, D.W. MacDowall, P. Mitchell, J. Porteous, and M.J. Price.

Following the Congress, on Saturday 13 September, the International Numismatic Commission held its plenary session, reported elsewhere in this issue.

## INC News

### New Constitution for INC

A new constitution for the International Numismatic Commission was approved by the delegates at the General Meeting in London. The text of the new constitution was sent out to delegates beforehand, with a request that any proposed modifications be received by the Secretary of the Commission before 31 August. No such proposals having been received, the Constitution was approved as submitted to the delegates.

The new constitution is, in general, similar to the old. Provisions of the old constitution were clarified, and some practices which have become customary have been incorporated. For example, the old constitution specified certain officers, but made no provision for their election; the new constitution provides that officers shall be elected by the Council, as has been the practice since the beginning.

The full text of the new constitution will be published in the next *Compte Rendu* of the INC. In brief, its provisions are:

1. The purpose of the INC is to facilitate international co-operation among numismatists.

2. Members of the INC shall be non-commercial numismatic institutions, including museums, societies, and mints, who shall be admitted by the Council and pay dues determined by the Council.

3. Individuals may be elected as honorary members by the plenary session of the INC and shall have the same voting rights as institutional members without paying dues (except that they may not vote by proxy at the plenary session).

4. The INC will have a General or plenary meeting at each International Numismatic Congress, or no more than seven years after the last plenary meeting. Each member shall have one vote in the meeting.

5. A Council of nine members will be elected by the General Meeting; Council members can be re-elected only once. The Council will meet annually, elect officers, and fill any vacancies

that arise among its members until the next General Meeting.

6. The Officers shall be the President, two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.

7. The duties of the Council, in general, will be to watch over the affairs of the Commission in the intervals between General Meetings, including the admission of new Commission members, the arrangement of the International Congresses and other numismatic meetings, and supervision of financial matters. It shall publish an annual report in the *Compte Rendu*.

8. The expenses are covered by grants, members' dues, and gifts.

9. The legal seat of the CIN is the office of the President.

10. The constitution may be changed by a two-thirds majority at a General Meeting. Notice of changes must be given to the members in writing at least one month before the Meeting. (It will be seen therefore that any proposed changes should be sent to the Secretary of the INC well before the General Meeting so that they can be sent out in time to be received by the members one month previously. The constitution does not permit amendments to be proposed from the floor at the General Meeting itself.)

11. The INC may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote at a General Meeting.

### New INC Council Elected for 1986-91

At the INC General Meeting in London, six new Council members were elected and three re-elected, all to serve until 1991. Five of the previous nine Council members were not eligible for re-election, having served the maximum two terms. One of the new Council members was nominated from the floor at the General Meeting; the rest were nominees of the outgoing Council.

Re-elected for a second term were:

Dr. Kolbjørn Skaare, Universitetets Myntkabinett, Frederiks Gate 2, N-0164 Oslo 1, Norway;

Dr. István Gedai, Magyar Nemzeti Múzeum, Múzeum körút 14-16, H-1370 Budapest VIII, Hungary;

Dr. Michael L. Bates, American Numismatic Society, 155th Street and Broadway, New York, NY 10032 USA.

The members elected for the first time at this meeting, and therefore eligible for re-election in 1991, were:

Dr. Ermanno Arslan, Civiche Raccolte Archeologiche e Numismatiche, Museo Milano, Castello Sforzesco, I-20121 Milano, Italy;

Prof. Peter Robert Franke, Kaiserslauterner Strasse 83, D-6600 Saarbrücken 3, German Federal Republic;

Dr. John P. C. Kent, Department of Coins and Medals, The British Museum, London, England WC1B 3DG;

Prof. Leandre Villaronga, c/Còrsega 351-2, E-08037 Barcelona, Spain;

Dr. Raymond Weiller, Cabinet des Médailles, Musée d'Histoire et d'Art, Marché-aux-Poissons, L-2345 Luxembourg, Luxembourg.

Also elected to a first term was:

Dr. Cécile Morrisson, Centre d'histoire et civilisation de Byzance, Collège de France-C.N.R.S., 52, rue du Cardinal



Lemoine, F-75005 Paris, France, who was nominated from the floor. She is the first floor nominee to be elected in the history of the Commission.

The Council was formerly known as the Bureau of the INC. In the English version of the new constitution it is called the Council, although in the French version, which is official in case of disputes, the word Bureau is retained. Either term is therefore legitimate; "Council" in English has the virtue of being self-explanatory. By either name, the Council has the duty to conduct the affairs of the International Numismatic Commission in the intervals between General Meetings, which are held at the time of International Numismatic Congresses, normally every six years. The Council also elects the officers of the INC.

#### Council Chooses New Officers

The new officers elected by the Council at its first organizing meeting during a recess in the General Meeting were:

President: Prof. Skaare

Vice-Presidents: Dr. Gedai, Dr. Bates

Secretary: Dr. Weiller.

Treasurer: Prof. Villaronga.

The officers will serve until the election of a new Council at the next meeting of the INC in Brussels, 1991.

#### New Members for INC

Two institutions have joined the International Numismatic Commission since the last report:

Kestner-Museum, Münzkabinett

Trammplatz 3

D-3000 Hannover, West Germany

(Frank Berger, Keeper of the Department of Coins and Medals)

Provinciaal Munten Penningkabinet

Kielenstraat 15

B-3700 Tongeren, Belgium

(Raf Van Laere, Head of Department)

We welcome these new institutions. Membership in the International Numismatic Commission is open to museums, numismatic societies, and national mints. The annual dues are 200 Swiss Francs. For information or to apply for membership, write to Dr. Raymond Weiller, INC Secretary, Cabinet des Médailles, Musée d'Histoire et d'Art, Marché-aux-Poissons, L-2345 Luxembourg, Luxembourg.

#### Nine Honorary Members Elected to INC

As its last item of business, the General Meeting elected nine honorary members of the International Numismatic Commission. The honorary members are individuals who have made major contributions to numismatic research, and who merit participation in the meetings of the Commission along with the delegates of the member-institutions.

The nine elected in 1986 are:

Dr. Pierre C.V. Bastien, a distinguished student of Roman coinage;

Prof. Peter Berghaus, former director of the Westfälisches Landesmuseum, a specialist in medieval coins;

Prof. Herbert A. Cahn, an eminent scholar of Greek coinage, who is at the same time the head of a major numismatic firm and professor at Heidelberg University;

Mr. Robert A.G. Carson, former Keeper of the Department of Coins and Medals of the British Museum, and past President of the International Numismatic Commission, a Roman specialist;

Mrs. Elvira E. Clain-Stefanelli, Curator of Coins in the Numismatic Department of the National Museum of History and Technology, The Smithsonian Institution, Washington;

Dr. Parmeshwari Lal Gupta, director of the Indian Institute of Research in Numismatic Studies and dean of South Asian numismatists;

Dr. Ryszard Kiersnowski of the Instytut Historii Polskiej Akademii Nauk (the Historical Institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences);

Dr. Georges Le Rider, director of the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, former director of its Cabinet des Médailles, and former President of the International Numismatic Commission;

Miss Anne S. Robertson, erstwhile Keeper of Coins in the Hunterian Museum of the University of Glasgow.

These nine join the eighteen incumbent Honorary Members of the Commission. The next election of Honorary Members will be by the General Meeting at the Brussels Congress in 1991.

#### Cahn Reports on *Lexicon Iconographicum*

The *Lexicon Iconographicum Mythologiae Classicae* is an international project to produce an encyclopedia of mythological representations from all visual media of classical antiquity. Because coins are the most frequently encountered source of mythological images, a separate team under the auspices of the INC was set up in 1979, directed by Dr. Herbert Cahn of Basel, to insure the inclusion of numismatic data in the *Lexicon*.

At the General meeting, Dr. Herbert Cahn reported briefly on the progress of the *Lexicon* since 1979. Two volumes have been produced, covering most of the letter A, with images on coins well represented in some articles and unfortunately completely neglected in others. A third volume, At-E, is in the press and will appear in December 1986. Owing to lack of funds, there is no numismatist working in the main office of the project in Basel, although the editorial work warrants the collaboration of a numismatist at least on a half-time basis.

#### Cahn Reports on INC Finances

Dr. Herbert Cahn, Treasurer of the International Numismatic Commission 1979-86, reported at the General Meeting on the state of the Commission's finances as he leaves office. Virtually the only source of income for the INC at present is the dues (SFr. 200) paid by each institutional member. With 110 members, this now amounts to SFr. 22,000 per year (about US\$14,000), an amount which is becoming insufficient to support such major

expenses of the Commission as the *Compte Rendu*, the newsletter, and the annual meeting of the Council.

There are, said Cahn, only three ways to meet the Commission's obligations:

- "1. To increase the annual fee, which will be unpopular;
2. To recruit new members, which will be difficult;
3. A campaign to raise funds by donations, as up to now we have received very few contributions of money."

An appeal at the meeting itself raised SFr. 480.15, somewhat more than two annual memberships. The new INC Council, including the new treasurer, Prof. Leandro Villaronga, will consider the situation at its May 1987 meeting.

## INC Computer Subcommittee Formed

On the proposal of Mr. Terry Volk, the INC at its General Meeting approved a new subcommittee on the use of computers in numismatic work. The subcommittee will function under the patronage of the INC and make annual reports to the Council.

Persons with suggestions for the subcommittee should write to Mr. Volk, Department of Coins and Medals, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, CB2 1RB England.

## Survey of Numismatic Research Published

As is traditional, *A Survey of Numismatic Research, 1978-1984*, was published for members of the International Numismatic Congress. The *Survey* was edited by a host country committee consisting of Martin Price, Edward Besly, David MacDowall, Mark Jones, and Andrew Oddy, and was published for the International Numismatic Commission by the International Association of Professional Numismatists (Special Publication No. 9).

The two-volume *Survey* has articles listing and criticizing scholarly work of the past seven years in nearly every field of numismatics—ancient, medieval, modern, Oriental, and medals, as well as scientific techniques (analysis of metal content, statistical applications, and computers). Each article is by a leading expert in the field. The set is available for 200 SFr from members of the IAPN, or from A.G. van der Dussen b.v., Hondstraat 5, NL-6211 HW Maastricht, The Netherlands.

From the same address one can still obtain *A Survey of Numismatic Research 1960-1965* (70 SFr), ... *1966-71* (95 SFr), and ... *1972-77* (95 SFr); as well as the *Proceedings of the 8th International Congress, 1973* (180 SFr) and the *9th Congress, 1979* (200 SFr).

## Naster Reports on Greek Sylloges Since 1979

At the General meeting of the Commission, Professor Paul Naster of Leuven, who has been president of the INC subcommittee for the Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum since 1967, reported on SNG activities since the 1979 Congress. Since 1973, the SNG, originated by the British Academy in 1931, has also been the 26th Commission of the Union Académique

Internationale, which has received annual reports from Naster.

Since the last Congress, three innovations have been adopted for the Sylloges by the INC Council. In 1983 the size of the volumes was reduced for the first time, to the size of standard A4 paper, 210 x 295 mm. In 1983 also, it was proposed that forgeries, especially older ones, could be published in sylloge volumes provided that they were clearly grouped in an appendix and illustrated on a separate plate where they would be explicitly labeled. In 1986 the British Academy proposed, and the Council concurred, that large hoards as well as complete collections could be published as part of the Sylloge project.

## Naster resigns, Westermarck appointed

During the meeting, the Commission accepted with regret Prof. Naster's resignation after 19 years as president of the subcommittee. Professor Ulla Westermarck of Stockholm was appointed to serve at least until the 1991 Congress.

## INC Council to Meet in Czechoslovakia

The next meeting of the Council of the INC will be 25-28 May 1987 in Prague, Brno, and Nitra. The Council will be guests of the Slovak Academy and the Slovak Numismatic Commission.

Any matters for the attention of the Council should be sent to Prof. Skaare, INC President, or Dr. Weiller, INC Secretary, before 15 April 1987. Among items on the agenda of general interest are an evaluation of the 10th London Congress and preliminary plans for the 11th Brussels Congress, and a possible numismatic session at the next Congrès Internationale des Sciences Historiques in 1990. The various projects under INC patronage will also be discussed.

# International Numismatic Newsletter

## The New International Numismatic Newsletter

Welcome to the new Newsletter of the CIN, now to be known as the *International Numismatic Newsletter*. This is a continuation of the *CIN Newsletter* edited by Dr. Herbert Cahn, with consecutive numbering. Dr. Cahn's term as a member of the Bureau of the CIN expired this year, and with it his burden as editor of the Newsletter. This is an opportunity to thank Dr. Cahn for founding the Newsletter, seeing it through its first 13 issues, and developing it into a periodical of 21 pages filled with information about the numismatic world.

With Dr. Cahn's departure, the editing of the Newsletter was assigned to me, but I could accept the assignment only because I could have the technical support of my colleagues at the American Numismatic Society, including our typesetting equipment. The INC is grateful for their help.

There were many decisions to make and problems to solve this first time. We hope you like the results—but please let us



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#### This Issue's Masthead

The image to the left of the title of this issue is the reverse of the medal celebrating the 10th International Numismatic Congress. London, seated, greets members of the Congress with the words *EXPECTATI VENITE*: "You are most welcome". The same words on the first coins struck in London, in the year 286, greeted the usurping Emperor Carausius. Between the figures is the coat of arms of the city, and in the background the outline of the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral. The dies radiating from the dome are another reminder of the 1700th anniversary of the probable beginning of official minting in London. The medal was designed by Robert Elderton.



The obverse of the medal commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Royal Numismatic Society, co-sponsor of the Congress. The medal is still available from the Secretary of the RNS at £10 in bronze and £50 for silver.

Various proposals have been received for a masthead logo representative of either the International Numismatic Commission or the *International Numismatic Newsletter*, but none so far is completely satisfactory. More proposals are welcome.

Until a decision is made, we will use at the masthead of each issue of the *INN* a coin or medal related to the main subject of the issue.

#### News and Information Needed for the *INN*

Like the *New York Times*, *Le Monde*, and TASS, the *International Numismatic Newsletter* has a staff of correspondents throughout the world, in all the major capitals of numismatic activity. How can we do it? Easy: you, the readers, are our correspondents, reporting on numismatic events and activities of interest to the numismatic community. If you don't send us the news—your personal news, news of your institution, news from your city and your country—we can't publish it.

We need the big events, but also smaller happenings. The sections of the former CIN Newsletter will be retained:

1. Congresses, colloquia, symposiums (on numismatics, or including numismatics).
2. Exhibitions.
3. Numismatic teaching in universities (in advance, and with details of time and place).
4. Recent publications (books and slide sets only, not forthcoming).
5. Work in progress: What are you and your colleagues doing? Let us know. This is a good section to appeal for information for your study.
6. Museum news (and news of numismatic institutions, even if not museums): changes in location, new personnel, farewells, promotions, remodelling, new procedures—everything.
7. Numismatists in the news: Birthdays, *Festschrifts*, deaths, retirements, prizes, appointments.

If you can write the news for us, in the form of a story that we can print, this is better still. Keep it brief and not too formal—no footnotes!

We can use pictures—we want pictures.

Items are acceptable in any language that we can print. Remember that most of our readers are not native speakers of your language, whatever it is, so keep your style as simple and clear as possible.

## Numismatic Notes

### Numismatique au Congrès Byzantine

(par Cécile Morrisson)

Au Congrès International des Sciences Historiques de Stuttgart (1985), la CIN avait représenté officiellement notre discipline et organisé deux demi-journées de conférences qui lui étaient entièrement consacrées (voir *CIN Newsletter* octobre 1985, p. 4-6). Mais il arrive aussi que notre voix se fasse entendre autrement *qu'ex officio*. Ainsi au dernier Congrès international des études byzantines, cet été. Certes, la tradition d'un survey numismatique, inclus dans les Actes, comme il y en avait eu aux Congrès d'Oxford (1966, Grierson), de Bucarest (1971, par Metcalf) et partiellement à Vienne (1981, par Morrisson) a été malheureusement abandonnée. Et ce n'est pas le bref exposé de

Morrisson sur ce sujet lors d'une session des *Instrumenta Studiorum* (peu suivie car ... il était 8 h du soir!) qui rendra les mêmes services aux historiens.

Mais les organisateurs, à défaut d'avoir fait place à la numismatique en tant que telle dans les rapports pléniers (le témoignage des trouvailles de fouilles fut néanmoins un élément important de l'exposé de James Russell sur les transformations de la vie urbaine à l'époque protobyzantine), avaient mis sur pied, à côté des traditionnelles séances de communications, des mini-colloques incluant sigillographie ainsi que la numismatique. Dumbarton Oaks abritait notamment, non l'ensemble du Congrès trop nombreux pour y trouver place et dont la majorité des séances se tenaient à l'Université de Georgetown, mais ces réunions plus restreintes portant sur des objets si magnifiquement représentés dans ses collections.

Le colloque numismatique avait pour thème: les monnaies comme source de l'histoire provinciale. C. Morisson y dressa un bilan provisoire de l'Inventaire des trésors monétaires protobyzantins des Balkans et d'Asie Mineure (VI-VIIe s.) (v. *CIN Newsletter* octobre 1983, p. 16), et notre collègue W. Metcalf celui des trouvailles monétaires des fouilles américaines de Carthage (1975-1982). J.-M. Saulnier, élève de l'École Française d'Archéologie à Athènes, avait envoyé un rapport sur Thasos à l'époque paléochrétienne et byzantine d'après la numismatique qui suscita un vif intérêt et fit souhaiter au public présent la publication la plus rapide possible de ces trouvailles de fouilles prévue par les soins de l'École d'Athènes. Mme. Phane Drososyanni, épore des antiquités, présente en son nom et celui de notre collègue Mme. Mando Oeconomidou, un trésor de 300 monnaies d'or et quelques bijoux (2 paires de boucles d'oreille) récemment trouvés sur le rivage de Samos et parvenus aux services archéologiques dans sa totalité. La trouvaille se termine avec une émission d'Héraclius (MIB 11 et s.) et contient des solidi avec IX et III d'attribution controversée.

Enfin le professeur Rudi Lindner eut le mérite, dans un exposé d'ensemble sur le monnayage et l'économie anatoliennes au XIIIe siècle, d'ouvrir aux byzantinistes des perspectives neuves dans le rapprochement des différents systèmes monétaires et du contexte contemporain.

### Colloque sigillographique

Le colloque sigillographique touchait à la numismatique par plusieurs points: John Nesbitt y parla des tessères de cuivre liées aux distributions et activités philanthropiques, objets trop souvent négligés parce qu'à la frontière des deux domaines; W. Seibt dans une étude de l'iconographie de la Vierge sur les sceaux du XIe s. eut maintes fois recours au témoignage des monnaies contemporaines; C. Morisson enfin mit en lumière les parentés de ces deux disciplines et de leurs objets (fabrication, datation, iconographie) et les transpositions de méthodes qui pouvaient en être déduites.

Seuls les rapports pléniers ayant été publiés, on ne peut consulter que les *abstracts* des communications. Le comité ayant dû renoncer pour des raisons financières à publier les Actes du Congrès, il faudra donc chercher les communications dans les divers périodiques spécialisés où elles pourront trouver place. Nous espérons notamment que le trésor de Samos puisse paraître, dès l'achèvement de sa rédaction, dans une livraison de la *RN*.

Le colloque sigillographique sera vraisemblablement publié par Dumbarton Oaks.

### Incontro sulla moneta corinzia in Occidente

Il IX Convegno del Centro Internazionale di Studi Numismatici ha avuto luogo nei giorni 27-28 ottobre come un incontro-dibattito sulla moneta corinzia in Occidente. Compresi nel programma erano:

*Il quadro storico:* J.B. Salmon (Lancaster, G.B.)

*Corinto:* K. Jenkins (British Museum)

*Leuka:* C. Carter (American Numismatic Society)

*Anactorium:* D.D. Forasté (U. of Santa Barbara, California)

*Apollonia e Dyrrachium:* Interventi di studiosi albanesi

*Zecche italiote e siceliote:* N.F. Parise (Università, Roma) e R.

Cantilena (Sopr.za Archeologica, Napoli)

*La circolazione:* M. Taliercio (Università, Napoli) e gruppo di lavoro del C.I.S.N.

### Corpus quantitatif des émissions d'or des IVe et Ve siècles

Dans le cadre de ses recherches sur les aspects quantitatifs de la production monétaire au Bas-Empire, après avoir étudié les émissions de bronze et la circulation monétaire (*Le numéraire gaulois du IVe siècle, aspects quantitatifs*, British Archeology Reports, Oxford, 1982), M. G. Depeyrot termine un inventaire quantitatif des émissions de solidi et de fractions d'or émis entre 284 et 491, dans les ateliers de l'Empire romain [imitations comprises].

Compte-tenu de la rareté des trésors de monnaies d'or, il était impossible de mener une étude quantitative des frappes d'après les seuls trésors. Il est donc envisagé de rassembler la base statistique la plus large, en inventorier les monnaies conservées dans les collections ainsi que les pièces passées en ventes publiques. Le catalogue, en partie rédigé, se composera d'un inventaire typologique et d'une indication du nombre de pièces connues.

Si une partie des grandes collections a pu être examinée, beaucoup de musées et de collections privées conservent quelques monnaies d'or. M. Depeyrot souhaitera obtenir des clichés ou des moulages de ces monnaies qui lui restent inconnues; même une pièce très courante présente un intérêt pour une recherche quantitative.

La phase de collecte des informations devrait s'achever d'ici un à deux ans, le traitement informatique devant durer au minimum une année. Adressez les informations à M. Georges Depeyrot, 9, rue Saint-Romain, 75006 Paris.

### Coins Stolen from Bulgarian Museum

About 12,000 gold, silver, and copper coins are missing from the Archaeological Museum of Plovdiv in Bulgaria, according to *The Times* of London, 20 September 1986. The Director of the Museum, Christo Ivan Dzambalov, was released in September with a fine of 112,000 leva after a trial lasting six years. No one else has been accused in the case.



According to evidence presented by Dzambalow in his defense, the coins were borrowed by various important people who signed receipts for the objects, putting very low values on them. For example, a unique silver seal of the Bulgarian Tsar Ivan Alexander (1331-1371) was borrowed against a receipt for 200 leva (£67), though it is worth thousands. The coins were "lost" by the borrowers, who paid the amount of the receipts and sold the coins for huge profits. None of the borrowers were named in the public record of the trial, and the receipts presented as evidence were mostly signed by persons now dead.

Other missing items include the gold coins found in archaeological excavations at Malko Topolowo, which were replaced by lead forgeries. The real coins appeared later in New York.

Dzambalow was found guilty only of "wastefulness" and "mismanagement of a state museum." He might have been jailed, but instead was fined the equivalent of £37,500.

## Regular Features

### NUMISMATIC TEACHING

#### Israel, Tel-Aviv

Dr. Arie Kindler: Palestinian city-coins, Tel-Aviv University, Mondays and Wednesdays, 16.15-17.15

Jewish coins, Bar-Ilan University, Wednesdays, 08.30-10.00

### NUMISMATISTS IN THE NEWS

#### London

**Nicholas Lowick**, Deputy Keeper in the Department of Coins and Medals of the British Museum, died at the age of 45 on 11 November 1986 after a long illness. Mr. Lowick was responsible for Oriental coinage in general, but his particular speciality was the Islamic coinage of the Near East and South Asia. He had published over 50 articles and co-authored several monographs since he joined the museum staff. At the time of his death he had nearly finished research and had begun writing a multi-volume catalogue of the 'Abbasid coins in the British Museum in continuation of the catalogues of the Muhammadan series begun by John Walker. A fund in Lowick's memory has been established by the Royal Numismatic Society, to promote research into Oriental numismatics. Contributions to "The Nicholas Lowick Memorial Fund" should be sent to Mr. J.E. Cribb at the British Museum.

#### New York

**Prof. Paul Naster** has been awarded the Archer M. Huntington Medal of the American Numismatic Society.

**Dr. William L. Bischoff** has recently been appointed Assistant Curator of Modern Coins at the American Numismatic Society.

#### Paris

*L'or monnayé, I: Purification et altérations de Rome à Byzance*, par

**Cécile Morrisson, Jean-Nôel Barrandon, Claude Brenot, Jean-Pierre Callu, Robert Halleux et Jacques Poirier** (*Cahiers Ernest Babelon*, 2; Paris, 1986) a reçu le Prix Drouin pour 1986 de l'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres.

#### Princeton

**Dr. Georges Le Rider**, former director of the Cabinet des Médailles of the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, and **Dr. Martin Price**, Deputy Keeper in the Department of Coins and Medals of the British Museum, have been appointed as Visiting Professors at the Institute for Advanced Studies. Dr. Le Rider will return to Paris in December 1986, while Dr. Price's appointment is until June 1987.

### EXHIBITIONS

#### Bochum

Sparkasse Bochum in Zusammenarbeit mit der Ruhr-Universität Bochum. *Seleukos: Ein König und ein Stern* (mehrere seleukidische Silbermünzen eingeschlossen). 24.11.86 bis 5.12.87. Begleitblatt zur Ausstellung von der Münzsammlung der Ruhr-Universität, Fakultät für Geschichtswissenschaft, Postfach 10 2148, 4630 Bochum 1, BRD, gegen Voreinsendung von DM 1,- in Briefmarken (Ausland gratis). Eine



Gedenkmedaille in 998 Feinsilber, entworfen von Victor Huster in Baden-Baden, wird hiermit zu einem Preise von DM 98,- angeboten. Die Summe von DM 5,- wird abgezogen als Spende für die Münzsammlung der Universität.

#### Tel-Aviv

A total re-arrangement of the permanent exhibition of the **Kadman Numismatic Museum** (Museum Haaretz) is under way.

### WORK IN PROGRESS

#### Cambridge

The next volume in *Medieval European Coinage*, by **Philip Grierson** and **Mark Blackburn**, on the Netherlands, will go to press in 1987.

#### New York

**C. Arnold-Biucchi** dell'American Numismatic Society prepara un corpus della monetazione arcaica di Selinunte (fusa incusa con la foglia) e sta anche raccogliendo materiale per la

monetazione d'argento di Himera dopo il 472 a. C. (frazioni incluse).

#### Paris

**Cécile Morrison** and **V. Popovic**, éditeurs, avec P. Culerrier, I. Iouroukova, B. Mitrea, M. Oeconomides, I. Popovic et J. Touratsoglou. *Inventaire des trésors monétaires protobyzantins (VIe-VIIe siècles) (Balkans-Asie Mineure)*.

#### Stuttgart

Work has begun on the cataloging of one of the most important 14th century hoards ever found in Germany, containing 1,004 gold coins of many German states as well as Hungary, Bohemia, and Italy, struck between 1340 and about 1400. The hoard, found in Marbach in Ludwigsburg on 20 November 1986, has been turned over to the Münzkabinett of the Württembergischen Landesmuseums and is being studied by **Dr. Ulrich Klein**. The hoard is complete as found, and the coins are mostly in superb condition.

#### Tel-Aviv

**Arie Kindler** and **Alla Stein** have prepared a bibliography of 2,600 entries on the coinage of 37 Palestinian cities on both sides of the Jordan, published from 1671 to 1984. The work awaits publication.

#### Washington

**Philip Grierson** and **Melinda Mays** are preparing *A Catalogue of the Late Roman Coins in the Dumbarton Oaks Collection and in the Whittemore Collection* which will be ready for press in early 1987.

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS

#### A. General

Hogendorn, Jan, and Marion Johnson. *The Shell Money of the Slave Trade*. African Studies Series 49. Cambridge: Cambridge

University Press, 1986. 240 pp., tables, diagrams, maps. \$34.50.

*Musée de Cognac. Catalogue des monnaies d'or et d'argent*. 1986. 72 pp., 19 plates. 60F. (Musée de Cognac, 48, boulevard Denfert-Rochereau, F-16100 Cognac, France).

*Numismatics—Witness to History. Articles by Members of the IAPN to Commemorate Its 35th Anniversary*. International Association of Professional Numismatists Publication No. 8. 1986.

#### B. Greek and Roman numismatics

Hannestad, Niels. *Roman Art and Imperial Policy*. Denmark, 1986.

Howgego, C. J. *Greek Imperial Countermarks*. London, 1985.

Remy, Bernard. *Les monnaies romaines decouvertes a Rodumna (Roanne, Loire) essai de circulation monetaire*. Lyon, 1985.

*Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum: Sammlung Dreier/Klagenfurt im Landesmuseum fur Karnten*. Teil. II. Klagenfurt, 1984.

#### C. Medieval European numismatics

Fedorov-Davydov, G.A. *Le trésor de Saransk. Les monnaies de la Russie moscovite, XIV et XVème siècle*. Tr. F. Van Hoof and A. Schoevaert. 1986. 44 plates. US\$44.00 (Russian Numismatic Society, Box F334, Akron, OH 44308 USA).

Grierson, Philip, and Mark Blackburn, *Medieval European Coinage, with a Catalogue of the Coins in the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge. I, The Early Middle Ages (5th-10th centuries)*. Cambridge University Press, 1986. £85.

#### D. Byzantine numismatics

Morrisson, Cécile, et al. *L'or monnayé, I: Purification et altérations de Rome à Byzance*. Cahiers Ernest Babelon, 2. Éditions du CNRS (15, quai Anatole France, 75700 Paris), 1986. 282 pp., ill., cartes. 250F.

#### E. Islamic numismatics

Morton, A.H. *A Catalogue of Early Islamic Glass Stamps in the British Museum*. London: British Museum Publications, 1985. 176 pp., 24 pl. £45.00.

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